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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN PRESS ON MOZAMBIQUE INVASION AND GENEVA TALKS -
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SUMMARY: WHOLE COUP IN BURUNDI CAPTURED HEADLINES IN ZAMBIAN
PRESS NOV.3, FRONTPAGES FEATURED REPORTS OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA S
AND GRZ S REACTIONS TO RHODESIAN ATTACKS ON MOZAMBIQUE (REFTEL B),
WICI SERVICE ACCOUNT OF GENEVA ACTIVITIES AND IN THE TIMES OF
ZAMBIA A LONDON STORY THAT "KISSINGER WANTS U.K. TO RUN SHOW".
DAILY MAIL CONTAINS SYMPATHETIC BIO FOR IVOR RICHARD AND EDITORIAL
FOCUSING ON DANGERS OF RHODESIAN ATTACKS ON MOZAMBIQUE.
END SUMMARY

1. ACCOUNTS OF BURUNDI COUP IN BOTH PAPERS ARE FACTUAL ACCOUNTS
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OF COUP, INCLUDING BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF BRUNDI S COLO-

NIAL HERITAGE AND THE POST INDEPENDENCE CONFLICT BETWEEN TUTSIS AND HUTUS WHICH HAS BEEN FACTOR IN PRIOR CHANGES OF GOVERNMENT.

2. PRESIDENT KAUNDA S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MACHEL EXPRESSING HIS STRONG INDIGNATION OVER THE RHODESIAN MILITARY ATTACKS (REFTEL B) WAS CARRIED PROMINENTLY ON FRONT PAGE BOTH PAPERS.

3. WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS REPORT 100 MINUTE INFORMAL SESSION OF GENEVA TALKS WHICH CHAIRMAN DESCRIBED AS "VERY USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE". HOWEVER, UNCERTAINTY OVER THE FUTURE OF THE TALKS STEMMING FROM POSSIBILITY SMITH S DEPARTURE FROM GENEVA AND THE WIDE CHASM BETWEEN THE BARGAINING POSITIONS STILL PREVAILS.

4. LONDON STORY ON THE FRONTPAGE OF THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA NOTES THAT WHILE THE U.S. HAS NOT MADE FORMAL REPRESENTATION TO BRITISH, AMERICANS ARE MAKING NO SECRET OF THEIR FEELINGS THAT THEY WANT THE BRITISH TO ASSUME FULL CONTROL IN RHODESIA. REPORTEDLY, AMERICANS ARE IRRITATED BY BRITISH POSITION OF STUDIED NEUTRALITY AT GENEVA. IF THE TALKS DON T PROGRESS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, THE AMERICAN CASE FOR A BRITISH TAKEOVER, WHICH COULD BE DONE BY A COMMONWEALTH DETACHMENT, IF BRITISH FORCES ALONE NOT SUFFICIENT, COULD PPROVE IRRESISTIBLE.

5. DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL NOV.3 WARNS RHODESIAN ATTACKS ON MOZAMBIQUE COULD EASILY ESCALATE INTO A GENERAL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (REFTEL B).
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